

Official Proceedings

November 10, 2014
2:00 pm

Chairman Hoff called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

Agenda

Chairman Hoff asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Fahlsing advised he had an engineering scope of work proposal. Mr. Fahlsing was advised that since this is a special meeting no items can be added that were not posted on the agenda. Mr. Fahlsing will request this item to be added to the regular Board of County Commissioners meeting in December.

Hiring Freeze

Commissioner Zander advised last week he was at the Courthouse visiting with HR about opening positions within the County. He was advised that there were currently one or two open positions in the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Zander contacted the Commissioners and Mr. Henning regarding the administrative change coming in January and how they should proceed. It was the opinion that a freeze should be put in place on hiring and the expenditure of capital improvement and equipment funds.

Sheriff Tuhy did contact Commissioner Elkin and expressed concerns with this decision. Commissioner Zander felt it was appropriate and would offer a smooth transition in the Sheriff's Department.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To implement a hiring and expenditure freeze of capital improvements and equipment purchases for the Sheriff's Department until the installment of the Sheriff Elect.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Hoff expressed concerns with a situation developing in the meantime that would warrant hiring or financial expenditures and requested to have a policy in place to allow the Commission to proceed if necessary.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To withdraw current motion.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Wolf

To implement a hiring and expenditure freeze of capital improvements and equipment purchases for the Sheriff's Department until the installment of the Sheriff Elect and in the event an emergency situation arises that would warrant expenditures of Sheriff's Department or hiring that Commissioner Elkin be consulted and will make the determination with the involvement of the Sheriff Elect.

DISCUSSION: Sheriff Captain Franchuck expressed concerns with equipment that was already purchased. Mr. Henning advised that this decision does not affect any purchases that were already in place and this decision is in effect from the time of this meeting forward. Sheriff Tuhy questioned what brought this decision and discussion on. Commissioner Zander advised that he received some phone calls with concerns regarding hiring and equipment. It is Commissioner Zander's opinion that the Sheriff's department

would be hiring deputies that he felt the decision should be afforded to the Sheriff Elect. Sheriff Tuhy advised he does not feel this is the time to be placing a freeze on the department.

Commissioner Wolf called for the question.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried

MOTION BY: Commissioner Wolf

SECOND BY: Commissioner Elkin

To adjourn the meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Kay Haag, Auditor

Russ Hoff, Chairman